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METHOD FOR PRODUCING PLANTS HAVING AN  
INCREASED TOLERANCE AGAINST DROUGHT  
AND/OR FUNGAL ATTACK AND/OR INCREASED  
SALT CONCENTRATIONS AND/OR EXTREME  
TEMPERATURE BY THE EXPRESSION OF  
PLASMODESMATA-LOCALIZED PROTEINS

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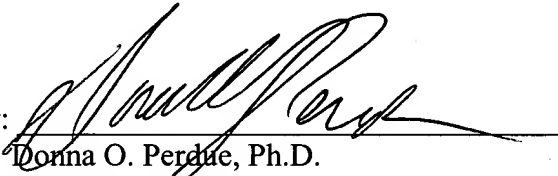
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